

Minutes for the NEMDAA Intergroup Council Meeting on 23 April 2024

The Chair called the Council Meeting to order at 7:00pm on 23 April 2024 with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. The meeting is posted on www.NEMDAA.org.

Roll Call:

- **Attendance: Total = 19**
- **At the Intergroup Office (11):**
 - **Officers (1):** Chair (Sunday Reflections)
 - **IGRs & Committee Chairs and Members (10):** Bel Air Women's Big Book, Emmorton Group (8:30), Finance Committee Acting Chair, Rising Sun Group, Solution for Living, New Office Staff, Three Legacies, Celebrate Sobriety, Archives (Plug in the Jug), Answering Service Chair/Ways & Means
- **On Zoom/Phone (8):**
 - **Officers (0):**
 - **IGRs & Committee Chairs (8):** Good News Group, Institutions Committee Chair (Rule 62), Good Orderly Direction, Good News, Sober by the Bay, Steppin into Saturday, Forest Hill Friday, and Kelly U. - Ways and Means Committee member

Officer & Committee Reports:

- **Chair's Report:**
 - The Chair reported/announced elections will be in May and recapped the previous meeting. New meeting directory went to print and is available for purchase. Spring Breakfast was a success, but had a lower turnout. Picnic in the Park June 1st, next planning meeting will be held on Saturday, 27 April at 6pm via Zoom and at the NEMDAA Office.
 - The Chair shared she would like to hear more from the Office and welcomed Chrissy to the Office. The Office Operations Committee met yesterday, are looking for volunteers to help the Office, and asked for more things to be reported such as foot & phone traffic and Literature/Medallion sales.
- **Secretary's Report:** There were no requested corrections or additions to the minutes. A motion was then made to accept the March minutes as written. The motion was seconded, none opposed, and the motion passed. Emmorton 8:30 Group requested to write their name as "Emmorton Group (8:30)" going forward.
- **Treasurer's Report:** The Finance Committee reviewed the March financials, which are posted to the website. It was reported that we were at 31% of the budget period and spent only 28%, which is tracking. A motion was then made to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion seconded, none opposed, and the motion passed.
- **Office Coordinator:** The new Office Staff just started Friday and would be happy to report more at the next IGC meeting. The individual also has a point of contact (POC) for a DJ for the picnic.
- **Answering Service:** The Answering Service Chair stated she will be stepping down by June to focus on resurrecting Ways & Means.
- **Cooperation with the Professional Community / Public Information (CPC/PI):** No report this month.
- **Finance:** The Acting Finance Committee Chair shared looking into changing from one user of Quickbooks for \$320 (subscription started in January) to Textsoup for five users for \$80 per year. Will look into refunds. Also looking into credit card transactions for the Office.

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- o The Finance Committee needs office inventory stock & prices.
- **Institutions:** The Institutions Chair stated nothing new to report, and is still looking for a POC for homeless shelter in Belcamp. The Archives Chair has information to provide. The Good Orderly Direction IGR shared that their group is bringing meetings to the women's facility in Elkton bi-weekly.
- **Ways & Means:** The Ways & Means standing volunteer shared that the local AA Districts are only able to support consumables and service - no funding. Picnic needs a \$360 check by 5/17 to pay for the park and an estimated \$300 for food. Made a motion to have a new "bucket" of money set aside for funding AA events. The motion was seconded, none opposed, and the motion passed. The Ways & Means volunteer offered all Chairs the opportunity to set up a table to share about their work during the Picnic.
 - o Asking for historical information to help re-establish a W&M committee. How many members? Who did what? How many events annually?
 - o Recreating a venue list starting with Perryville Park
 - o The Picnic Planning committee will be discussing fundraising and children's activities on Saturday 27 April in Office and via Zoom.
 - o Next Event would be Halloween. Open to other suggestions.
- **Website:** No report this month.
- **Archives:** The Archives Chair reported that he's going to help Area 29 establish Archives files, since the District(s) have none. Has volunteers to help digitize and store paper versions online. Emmorton Group (8:30) offered and is ready to help Archives.

Old Business:

- Phones: New phone will be installed next week and Voicemail to be updated ASAP. Office Operations Committee to create a list of topics to cover in voicemail.

New Business:

- Bulletin Post: IGC asked to have a short description of each NEMDAA job/duty posted in the bulletin following the election announcement.
- Office needs a vote on whether to remove/update outdated or all Spanish/English Pamphlets. Would Archives be interested?
- How often to update the Directory?

The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm with The Lord's Prayer and the Responsibility Statement.